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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN LECTURER PROGRAM, 1976/77

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1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ALERT DEPT AND CIES TO POSSIBLE
NOMINATION OF THREE ROMANIAN MUSICIANS TO UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON (SEATTLE) FOR ACADEMIC 1976/77. NO GUARANTEE,
FO COURSE, BUT MINED HAS PROMISED TO NOMIATE FOLLOWING
CANDIDATES BY JULY 15 DEADLINE:
GHEORGHE DRAGHICI (PROFESSIONAL NAME DAMIAN LUCA) - NAI PLAYER
GHEORGHE TOMA - CYMBALOM PLAYER
ROMEO BAZARCA - VIOLINIST
IONEL BUDISTEANU - ALTERNATE VIOLINIST
TRAIAN TIRCOLEA - ALTERNATE VIOLINIST

2. MUSICIANS ARE ALL SOLID PROFESSIONALS, TWO WITH INTERNATIONAL
REPUTATIONS, SELECTED BY ARIA FOLK MUSIC EXPERT AND APPROVED BY PROF.
ROBERT GARFIAS OF UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC DURING TEN-DAY VISIT
TO BUCHAREST. DRAGHICI AND TOMA ARE PREPARED TO LEAVE IN
SEPTEMBER; BAZARCA'S AVAILABILITY UNCERTAIN, HENCE ALTERNATE
CANDIDATES FOR VIOLIN. MUSICIANS WILL BE USED TO DEMONSTRATE
ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN MUSIC FOR STUDENTS
AND FACULTY IN ETHNOMUSICOLOGY AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO
TEACH THEIR INSTRUMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL CLASSES. THEY WILL NOT
HAVE TO LECTURE, SO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY NOT ESSENTIAL.
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GARFIAS SAYS THEY WILL BE ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED TO ACCEPT

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY PROVIDED ACTIVITY
DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT UNIVERSITY WILL PAY
SALARIES FOR TWO MUSICIANS. ROMANIAN SIDE WOULD OF COURSE
PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL THREE, INCLUDING
COSTS OF SHIPPING EXTRA INSTRUMENTS. NET CHARGE TO CU/EE
FUNDS WOULD THUS BE NINE-MONTH STIPEND FOR ONE MUSICIAN AND
DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION AND ALLOWANCES FOR ALL THREE. GRANTS
WOULD TECHNICALLY COME UNDER ARTICLE I(5) OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM
WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN FULLY SUBSCRIBED WITH EIGHT
LECTURERS IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE. BUT IN VIEW OF
FLEXIBLE APPROACH ADOPTED AT MIN-TERM REVIEW TALKS AND WOEFUL
ROMANIAN UNDERSUBSCRIPTION IN ARTICLE I(1) CATEGORIES,
THIS SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEMS FOR EITHER SIDE

4. AS DEPT AND CIES AWARE, THESE NOMINATIONS WOULD CULMINATE
TWO/THREE YEARS OF HAGGLING WITH GOR OFFICIALS OVER THIS
PROJECT. CHIEF PROBLEM HAS BEEN JURISDICTIONAL BUCK-
PASSING BECAUSE MUSICIANS ARE NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL IN
EXCHANGE PROGRAM. COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND
EDUCATION WOULDN'T SPONSOR THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE PROPOSED
FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES; F MINED REFUSED TO NOMINATE THEM
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT REALLY LECTURERS OR SCHOLARS. GROUNDWORK
FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM WAS LAID LAST NOVEMBER WHEN MINED
SECGEN PESTISANU VISITED UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN IV GRANT
AND RECEIVED THOROUGH BRIEFING ON PROJECT. WITH GENEROUS ASSIST
FROM FULBRIGHT CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR MIHAI POP, GARFIAS AND CAO
GOT PESTISANU'S APPROVAL BY POINTING OUT PROJECT IS RIGHT DOWN
GOR'S ALLEY IN ITS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE ROMANIAN IMAGE IN U.S.
AND WIDEN INTEREST IN ROMANIAN STUDIES.

5. SINCE PLACEMENT OF NOMINEES ALREADY ASSURED, ASSUME
DEPT AND CIES HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL IF MINED MEETS
SEATTLE'S JULY 15 DEADLINE. SHOULD DEADLINE PASS, NOMINATIONS
WOULD BE RENEWED FOR 1977/78. BIO DATA WILL BE FORWARDED ON
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